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1. ON JAN 17, FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT ON WHERE MATTERS STAND WITH OMAN IN TRYING TO RESOLVE THE BORDER PROBLEM WITH RAS AL KHAIMAH. SINCE UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID'S MEETING WITH SULTAN QABUS ON DECEMBER 29 IN SOHAR FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER VISIT TO ABU DHABI BY OMANI FONMIN ZAWAWI ON JAN. 12, ISSUE NOW NARROWED TO QUESTION OF WHAT IS TIP OF JABAL JIR WHICH SHOULD SERVE AS BORDER DEMARKATION POINT BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES. SUWAIDI SAID THAT THS INVOLVES THE SMALL VILLAGE OF DAURA (OR DARA) WHICH LIES TWO MILES NORTH OF SHA'AM IN A SMALL BAY AT THE BASE OF JABAL JIR.

2. ACCORDING TO SUWAIDI, OMAN CLAIMS THE BORDER
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LIES A FEW HUNDRED YARDS NORTH OF SHA'AM AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE BAY WHERE JABAL JIR DROPS INTO THE GULF. THE UAE CLAIMS THAT THE BORDER IS AT THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE BAY WHICH INCLUDES VILLAGE OF DAURA. UAE BASES ITS CLAIM ON FACT THAT AREA IN PAST HAS BEEN SHOWN ON BRITISH MAPS AS PART OF UAE. MOREOVER, WHEN UAE BECAME INDEPENDENT, BRISITH

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TURNED OVER TO RAS AL KHAIMAH A SMALL POLICE POST
ON COAST JUST NORTH AND EAST OF DAURA, WHEREAS
ON FAR SIDE (NORTH SLOPE) OF JABAL JIR, BRISITH
TURNED OVER A SMALL POLICE POST TO OMAN. POLICE
POST AT DAURA HAS BEEN MANNED BY FOUR OR FIVE RAK
POLICE SINCE UAE INDEPENDENCE.

3. RAS AL KHAIMAH RULER SHAIKH SAQR REMAINS EXERCISED
OVER WHOLE QUESTIONS, FEELING THAT DAURA CLEARLY
AND HISTORICALLY HAS ALWAYS BEEN PART OF HIS EMIRATE.
HOWEVER, HE HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO HAVE A
TRIPARTITE MEDIATION COMMISSION MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, AND KUWAIT TO REVIEW THE MAPS AND
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AND THAT HE WOULD ABIDE BY THE DECISION
OF THIS COMMISSION. THIS PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO OMANI
FONMIN ZAWAWI WHEN HE WAS IN ABU DHABI ON JAN. 12.
ZAWAWI HAD INDICATED THAT HE FELT HIS GOVERNMENT PREFERRED
TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION ON A BILATERAL BASIS BUT WOULD
CONVEY THIS PROPOSAL TO SULTAN QABUS FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. SUWAIDI SAID HE HOPED ISSUE COULD STILL BE SETTLED
WITHOUT OUTSIDE MEDIATION. BOTH HE AND ZAWAWI WOULD
BE TRAVELING TO PAKISTAN ON JANUARY 18 TO MEET WITH
SHAIKH ZAYID WHO IS THERE AT MOMENT FOR ANNUAL BUSTARD
HUNT WITH HIS FALCONS. SUWAIDI COMMENTEDTHAT HE THOUGHT
BORDER QUESTION HAD HAD POSITIVE IMPACT ON UAE FEDERATION
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BECAUSE IT HAD MADE DIFFERENT RULERS AWARE OF NEED TO
COORDINATE BORDER ISSUE ON A NATIONAL AND NOT INDIVIDUAL
EMIRATE BASIS.

5. COMMENT: WITH SHAIKH ZAYID AWAY, SHAIKH SAQR
HAS BEEN ACTIVELY LOBBYING WITH OTHER NORTHERN EMIRATES
RULERS TO SUPPORT HIS POSITION SINCE SHAIKH ZAYID IN PARTI-
CULAR HAS ALWAYS HAD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH OMAN. BRITISH AMB HAS
MEANWHILE REITERATED TO ME HIS CONCERN THAT HMG BEING DRAWN
INTO DETAILS OF DISPUTE SINCE IT HAS BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT
NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AS WELL AS INTERPRETATION OF THOSE DOCUMENTS
RELATING TO BORDER IN DISPUTE.
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